



## GED tests change in 2002

Those studying for their GED must pass all five tests by year's end or start over

Kentuckians currently studying for their General Educational Development (GED) diploma have until the end of 2001 to pass all five tests or they will have to start the process again because of national changes, according to the Kentucky Department for Adult Education and Literacy, an agency of the Cabinet for Workforce Development.

On Jan. 1, 2002, the national GED Testing Service will introduce the new series of GED tests. The new exams will reflect changes nationally in high school curriculum and standards during the past 10 years. People who do not pass all five tests before the end of the year will have to begin with the new GED tests in January. Last year, 13,211 Kentuckians earned a GED diploma.

"The new series of GED exams will continue to test the five core areas of English, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and


Mathematics, but the new tests will reflect the changes in high school curriculum so that the GED is still comparable to a four-year high school degree," said Lisa Schwendau, state GED administrator.

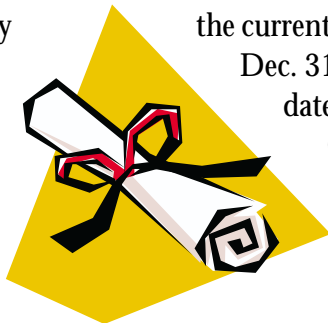
The deadline for completing the current series of GED tests is Dec. 31, 2001. Final testing dates will be set by local GED testing centers.

New testing centers have opened in Laurel, Allen, Boyd, Breckinridge,

Cumberland and Washington counties.

Jefferson County is offering GED practice tests on Saturdays at its centers.

For more information about completing GED tests by the end of 2001, contact the Adult Education program in your county. If you need assistance with locating a testing center, contact the Department for Adult Education and Literacy in Frankfort at (502) 564-5114 or toll free at (800) 928-7323. 



## Seminars can help employers save money, time

by Kim Saylor Brannock, Staff Writer

Kentucky employers can get unemployment insurance and employment services information at one of 17 seminars across the state sponsored by the Cabinet for Workforce Development's Department for Employment Services (DES). The seminars are scheduled for September, October and November.


DES Commissioner Margaret Whittet said that employers will benefit from the informational sessions in several ways.

"These seminars can show employers how to save money on unemployment insurance taxes, provide information on employment services available at local offices, and give employers a forum to ask questions," she said. "Employers also can find out about new timesaving Internet tools that will allow self-service on-line."

DES provides job placement and unemployment insurance services through a network of field offices located throughout Kentucky. The \$45 registration fee covers the continental breakfast and lunch. To register, send the business name, address and phone number, a list of the people attending the seminar, the date and location of the seminar and \$45 per person, made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

Send checks and registration information to the Director's Office, Department for Employment Services, Division of Administration and Financial Management, 275 E. Main St., Frankfort, KY 40621 or get a registration form on-line at <http://www.desky.org>.

Space is limited. Those who wish to attend should send in their registration as soon as possible. There is a nonrefundable policy for cancellations, and a confirmation will be sent to each attendee after the fee has been received.

For more information, contact Kristen Sullivan at (502)564-2900 or by e-mail at [KristenL.Sullivan@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:KristenL.Sullivan@mail.state.ky.us). 

### Seminar dates and places

September 10  
Holiday Inn  
Frankfort

September 11, 12 or 13  
Executive Inn West  
Louisville

September 18 or 19  
Travelodge  
Bowling Green

September 20  
Executive Inn  
Owensboro

September 25 or 26  
Campbell House Inn  
Lexington

September 27  
Ramada Inn  
Morehead

October 2  
Ashland Plaza Hotel  
Ashland

October 4  
Landmark Inn  
Somerset

October 15  
Barkley State Park  
Cadiz

October 16  
Kentucky Dam Village  
Paducah

October 18  
Jenny Wiley State Park  
Prestonsburg

November 6 or 7  
Drawbridge Inn  
Covington

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## Scholarship winners believe education is key to fulfillment

People from varying backgrounds, ages win the Education Pays Scholarships

by Janet Williams Hoover, Communications Director

**G**ov. Paul Patton presented Cabinet for Workforce Development Education Pays Scholarships to 25 Kentuckians in the Capitol Rotunda on July 13. The scholarship recipients are pursuing postsecondary education in Kentucky in a variety of fields.

The governor noted that the students represented a wide range of ages, Kentucky regions and life experiences.

"You have 25 individual backgrounds and dreams," Patton said, "but together you represent the commonwealth's future, a

future that hinges on how well our citizens are educated.

"You are living proof that what we've been saying for the past few years is true and vital in

Kentucky - education pays."

Each scholarship winner has used at least one of the cabinet's employment and training programs and services.

Scholarship applicants were required to write an essay on "How Education Pays in My Life." The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books and lab and technology fees. ✂



Allen D. Rose, secretary for the Cabinet for Workforce Development, and Gov. Paul E. Patton present Gary Gibbs with his scholarship. Gibbs, from Louisville, is a two-time recipient of this honor — he won an Education Pays scholarship from the cabinet last year.

## Education Pays Scholarship winners

**David Arnold**, Highland Heights; an anthropology student at Northern Kentucky University; nominated by Amy Carver of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Barbara Bowling**, Vincent; an early childhood education student at Hazard Community College; nominated by Jennifer Morse of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Amy Bransom**, Lexington; an English student at Midway College; nominated by Sandra Hart of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Jarrold Brown**, Morehead; a philosophy and Asian religion student at Berea College; nominated by Jennifer McKinney of the Morehead State Adult Learning Center.



**"I am an older student who ... learned the hard way that you can't get anywhere ... without a good education."**

— **Easter Castle**, a medical office assistant student, Mayo Technical College



**Alexander Braun**, Richmond; a broadcasting student at Eastern Kentucky University; nominated by Jennifer Morse of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Courtney Burns**, Owensboro; an elementary education student at Owensboro Community College; nominated by Barbara Stout of the Department for Employment Services.



**James Burris**, Lawrenceburg; an architecture student at the University of Kentucky; nominated by Teresa Barney of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Easter Castle**, River; a medical office assistant student at Mayo Technical Center; nominated by Kelly Colvin of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



## Incentive funding will give one-stop centers a lift



**T**he Cabinet for Workforce Development has received \$1.4 million in federal incentive funding for exceeding performance standards in employment and adult education programs.

The funding, appropriated by the U.S. Department of Labor through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), will enhance the state's system of local one-stop career centers. Kentucky's 27 comprehensive one-stop career centers provide information about and access to a wide range of job training, education and employment services.

The top priority for the incentive funding is to place in each comprehensive center computers and workstations that are fully accessible to people with disabilities. This technology will help eliminate barriers to accessing employment and training information that people who are disabled often encounter.

Other priority areas are to develop more accountability measures for the one-stop career centers, provide enhanced professional development training for employment and training specialists, and enhance the comprehensive centers' level of computer technology.

The incentive dollars will also provide an opportunity for local areas to request funding for innovative projects that enhance their individual centers.

Kentucky's federal WIA funding is administered by the cabinet's Department for Training and ReEmployment.

The WIA incentive funding is based on performance of adult education programs overseen by the cabinet's Department for Adult Education and Literacy and of employment programs administered through local workforce investment areas. ✂





**Amy Ehret**, Louisville; an elementary education student at Bellarmine University; nominated by Vickie Lang of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**John Frazier**, Paintsville; an environmental science student at Morehead State University; nominated by Paula Branham of the Department for Employment Services.



**Mickey Fultz**, Morehead; a paramedic student at Eastern Kentucky University; nominated by Debbie Cochran of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Aaron Gay**, Morehead; a biology/chemistry student at Morehead State University; nominated by Debbie Cochran of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Vena Henderson**, Louisville; a nursing student at Jefferson Community College; nominated by Sara Aldridge of the Olive Hill Adult Learning Center.



**Gary Gibbs**, Louisville; an electrical engineering student at the University of Louisville; nominated by Harold Brosnan of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Amanda Henning**, Hardinsburg; a nursing student at Western Kentucky University; nominated by Wayne Spencer of the Breckinridge County Area Technology Center.



**"I ... hope that the work I conduct will prove to be beneficial to those who suffer ... . I know firsthand the struggle of advancing when physical disabilities stand in your way."** —

*Aaron Gay, a biology and chemistry student at Morehead State University*



**Nicholas Howton**, Madisonville; an electro-mechanical engineering technology student at Murray State University; nominated by Jan Offutt of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Dawn McDaniel**, Oak Grove; a public affairs graduate student at Murray State University; nominated by Phyllis Reynolds of the Department for Employment Services.



**Sara Mudd**, Louisville; a history/law student at the University of Louisville; nominated by Vickie Lang of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Joseph Ross**, Bowling Green; a vocational rehabilitation counseling student at Western Kentucky University; nominated by Deborah Brizendine of the Department for the Blind.



**Angela Rowlett**, Murray; an interior design student at the University of Kentucky; nominated by Pam Oakley of Murray Area Technology Center.



**David Short**, Henderson; an electricity technology student at Owensboro Technical College; nominated by Lisa Medley of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Jennifer Smith**, Beaver Dam; an accounting and business management student at Owensboro Community College; nominated by Brad Sisk of the Ohio County Area Technology Center.



**Allison Sutherland**, Scottsville; an elementary education student at Western Kentucky University; nominated by Jane Smith of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Annette Ulm**, Park Hills; a practical nursing student at Northern Kentucky Technical College; nominated by Laurie Wilson of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



**Claudette Wickers**, Frankfort; a nursing student at Kentucky State University; nominated by Erin O'Donnell of the Thorn Hill Learning Center.



**"Having a GED has opened many doors in my life ... I have a sense of accomplishment. I want to be a role model for my kids."**

*Claudette Wickers, nursing student at Kentucky State University*



(Photos were not available for all winners.)



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# Employers honored for hiring, supporting people with disabilities

by Mary Ann Scott,  
Managing Editor

When the Henderson County Road Department and the Henderson County Fiscal Court hired Bruce Duffy for an administrative position, they looked past a man in a wheelchair and saw a person who was right for the job.

The road department staff helped Duffy, who is paralyzed from the neck down, by modifying its building to develop the job site for him.

This forward thinking earned the Henderson County Road Department, along with 18 other employers, an Employer Recognition Award, presented in June by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

Thelma Crider received one of the awards for training people with disabilities at her Paintsville day care facility.

“Crider ... offers her day care center as a site for training students from the Carl D.Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center in Thelma,” said Sam Serraglio, DVR’s commissioner. “She has shown a true commitment to improving the lives of Kentuckians with disabilities.”

Ann Halloran, owner of Hair on Euclid Beauty Salon at the Lexington Beauty College, was recognized for her close work with people with disabilities.

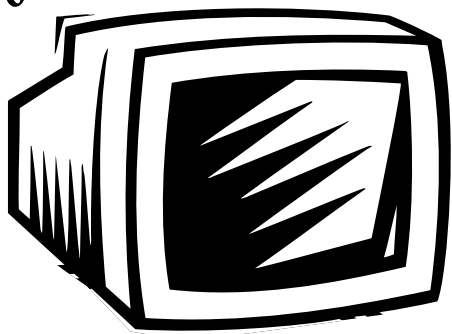
“She not only has helped DVR consumers refresh their skills in order to maintain their cosmetology licenses, but has also hired several of these individuals,” said Serraglio.

Other winners of the award were: Paducah Area Transit System; Sports Products, Monticello; Provident Bank, Cincinnati; Hardin County Goodwill Industries; New World Pasta, Louisville; DATATRAC, Corbin; Housing Authority of Hopkinsville; Adrienne Mason, a section supervisor in Community Based Services, Cabinet for Families and Children, Frankfort; Debbie Lottes, assistant director of the Frankfort Senior Citizens Center; Gary Tyson, Crown Trophy, Lexington; American Standard, Paintsville; Greg Fear, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green; Don Dabney Jr., Dabney Engineering and Land Surveying, Campbellsville; Lynn Jimson, owner of McDonalds in Bell, Harlan and Knox Counties; Jerry Houck and Kathy Crown-Weber, owners of Two Roads Café, Danville; and Allen Larkin, Cumberland Millwork and Supply, Bronston.



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